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**LA's Green Power Program Earns Top National Ranking Success of Renewable Energy Program Recognized By Leading National Energy Organization**

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LOS ANGELES, Jun 9, 2000 /PRNewswire via COMTEX/ -- The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (DWP) Green Power for a Green LA program is one of the country's top ten utility renewable energy programs according to the National Renewable Energy Lab (NREL) of Golden Colorado, an affiliate of the U.S. Department of Energy.

In a survey of the nation's green power programs, the NREL measured the success of the programs and ranked them according to results on its list of "Top Ten Utility Green Pricing Programs."

DWP's Green Power for a Green LA program ranked number one in the survey for its success in signing up new customers. Since June 1999, the program has enrolled approximately 47,000 customers, the highest number of any green power program.

"We are very pleased that Los Angeles residents are being recognized for their vision and their commitment to clean energy sources," said S. David Freeman, DWP general manager. "Los Angeles is the 'sunshine city' and we are actively developing new initiatives to offer our customers the opportunity to use clean renewable energy and to create a solar powered city," Freeman continued.

The programs were evaluated on four categories, including: total number of customer participants, customer participation rates, amount of new renewable energy development and premium charged for new renewable energy development. Additional information will be included in a forthcoming NREL study on green pricing.

"We've only begun to promote Green Power for a Green LA and our initial customer participation rates demonstrate LA's strong support for clean energy," said Angelina Galiteva,

DWP director of strategic planning. "Participation continues to grow as residents learn more about the environmental benefits and availability of green power."

The Green Power for a Green LA program gives DWP customers the opportunity to replace electricity from polluting power plants with energy generated from renewable resources like sun, wind and water. For a slightly higher price than power generated from conventional sources such as coal and oil, the program allows residential customers to choose 100 percent renewable energy with 20 percent coming from new sources. The program is funded under DWP's public benefits program authorized by AB 1890, California's electric utility restructuring act.

As part of its public benefits initiative, the department recently announced a new multi-year solar power program to offer residents and businesses financial incentives to use solar power. Other green power programs include Energy Solutions for a Green LA and Cool Schools. More information about these programs is available at [www.GREENLA.com](http://www.GREENLA.com)

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